



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://laccod.org>**

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

1:00 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-2914)

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Call to Order (14-2393)

President Janet A. Neal called the meeting to order at 1:28 p.m.

Commissioner Sheila D. Wright and Commissioner Alexia Teran joined the meeting at 1:41 p.m., establishing a quorum.

Present: President Janet A. Neal, 1st Vice President Winslow C. Reitnouer, 2nd Vice President John B. Troost, Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner John R. James, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Alexia Teran and Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

Excused: Treasurer Wendy Welt Narro, Commissioner Michael Gureckas, Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Kecia Brooke Weller and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of May 21, 2014. (14-2583)

On motion of Commissioner John B. Troost, seconded by Commissioner Alexia Teran, this item was approved.

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2. Election of Officers for the 2013-15 term. (14-2585)

Staff, Emma De Jesus, presented the Commission with the 2014-2015 election ballot. Commissioner John James added since there were no Declarations submitted for the position of Treasurer, the position would remain vacant until such time the Commission approves someone to the position and suggested that they add any additional nominations to the ballot and it will be discussed after the ballots were tallied.

After tallying of the votes, the following counts were read in to the record for each office and submitted for approval:

President**Number of votes cast.....8****Necessary for election.....5****Edward Colley received3****Janet A. Neal received5****First Vice President****Number of votes cast.....8****Necessary for election.....5****Wendy Welt Narro received....5****John B. Troost received.....3****Second Vice President****Number of votes cast.....8****Necessary for election.....5****Wendy Welt Narro received....2****Janet A. Neal received0****John B. Troost received6**

Commissioner Steve Miller nominated Winslow Reitnouer for Treasurer on his ballot.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner John B. Troost, seconded by Commissioner Edward A. Colley, unanimously carried, the following positions for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year were approved.

President:	Janet A. Neal
1st Vice President:	Wendy Welt Narro
2nd Vice President:	John B. Troost
Treasurer:	Winslow C. Reitnouer

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II. REPORTS

3. President's Report for June 2014. (14-2609)

President Neal thanked members of the Commission, community members and staff for their continued support. She reported the Catch Wrestling event she attended and the table sponsored by the Commission was well received. A special thank you was given to Access Services, METRO and the Los Angeles City Commission on Disability for providing additional information for the public at the Commission's booth.

She announced that the radio station KTYM that hosts the Disability Network was sold and the contract for the radio show will expire at the end of the month.

President Neal requested assistance from Commissioners and members of the public to sponsor her program entitled, "Janet's Planet". She added that "Janet's Planet" will no longer have captioning but will continue to air until September.

4. Monthly Report by Standing Committees:

- Education: Commissioners Troost (Chair), James, Neal
- Events: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Troost, Reitnouer, Teran, Wright
- Transportation: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Reitnouer, Troost, Teran
- Social Media/Housing: Commissioners Narro (Chair), Teran (14-2612)

Education

No report was presented.

Events

Chair Neal reported on the Events Committee meeting held on June 11, 2014. The Committee agreed to postpone the Scholarship Program until after the Access Awards Luncheon. She added there would be a reduced number of Scholarship recipients from five (5) to the top two (2). Mr. Louis Burns, a community partner of the Committee, added once the Committee has chosen the top scores, it would be up to the full Commission to choose the two to be awarded. Commissioner Alexia Teran noted, she provided staff with contact information for potential sponsors and staff has already mailed sponsor request letters to them.

Commissioners Steve Miller and John James also commented on this item.

After discussion, on motion on Commissioner Sheila Wright, seconded by Commissioner Alexia Teran, unanimously carried, the Commission requested that a representative from Fiscal Services attend a Commission meeting to review County Fiscal Regulations as it relates to Commission event activities, including the Annual Access Awards Luncheon and the annual scholarship luncheon.

Transportation

Chair Neal provided a brief overview of the Committee's goal to work in conjunction with the City of Los Angeles' Department of Transportation.

Social Media/Housing

No report was presented.

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- 5. Receive and File the Access Services, Incorporated Board meeting report as submitted by 2nd Vice President John B. Troost. (14-2614)**

Commissioner Winslow C. Reitnouer read for the record, 2nd Vice President John B. Troost's Access Services, Incorporated Board Meeting report. After discussion, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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- 6. Monthly Report by Louis Burns, Access Services Customers Support Administrator, Access Services Incorporated. (14-2616)**

Mr. Burns reported that at the May 2014 Advisory Committee Meeting, the new TAP Card with no Visa logo was introduced with larger print and a new service allowing partners with disabilities to drop-off and pick-up their children from school. Mr. Burns reminded the Commission and constituents of the \$.25 fare increase set to take effect July 1, 2014.

Lastly, Mr. Burns responded on a constituent concern provided by 2nd Vice President Troost on claims for passenger 'no-shows'. Access Services will be addressing this issue of criteria for drivers regarding 'no-shows' and report back to the Commission on any developments.

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7. Monthly Report presented by Jess Segovia, ADA Manager, and Giovanna Gogreve, ADA Para-transit Program Administrator for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO). (14-2618)

Giovanna Gogreve reported that METRO will be holding an orientation and practice bus driving session at Rancho Los Amigos on Thursday, July 19, 2014 to provide much needed training for passengers and drivers addressing safety and proper securements for various wheelchairs. Ms. Gogreve added METRO is working on a mobile wheelchair securement strap and marking program for its drivers. This will allow a mobile vehicle to go out to the community and mark wheelchairs accordingly for proper securement on their buses. Additionally, there will be an enhanced securement training for operators for those with disabilities that travel on METRO fixed-route services.

Commissioner Alexia Teran requested from METRO information flyers regarding securement on buses that she could disseminate at events she attends on behalf of the Commission.

8. Monthly Staff Report by Emma De Jesus. (14-2620)

Emma De Jesus provided a brief reported on an email received through the Commission's email regarding a certified acceptance initiative.

III. DISCUSSIONS

9. Update report by Russell Case, Metrolink Fair Collection Services Director regarding Personal Care Assistant (PCA) fair increases as requested at the meeting of March 19, 2014. (14-1776)

Mr. Russell Case was not available to make presentation. Therefore, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to July 16, 2014 without discussion.

10. Discussion on the State Budget to fund community-based organizations that provide support to people with disabilities, as submitted by Commissioner Steve Miller. (14-2392)

At the request of Commissioner Steve Miller, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the meeting of July 16, 2014 without discussion.

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11. Discussion on forming a collaborative relationship with the Los Angeles City Department on Disability, Los Angeles City Disability Commission and the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities. (14-2707)

Acting Chairperson of the City Commission on Disability, Theresa De Vera noted the Los Angeles City Department on Disability and the Los Angeles City Commission on Disability would work well together to resolve issues of common interest regarding the disability community. The Los Angeles City Commission on Disability (City) is working towards the 21st Century in technology. There is a 3-1-1 phone application that the City will soon implement using a GPS capability to help locate and fix buckled sidewalks, damaged curbs, overgrown trees, broken parking meters and potholes when constituents take photos of them. This application will take the picture submitted by constituents directly to Street Services of the City of Los Angeles, where they will address the constituent's concerns.

Commissioner Colley expressed concerns on how the collaboration would be with the City of Los Angeles and the County Commission on Disabilities. He also requested clarification on how the City would be able to assist in facilitating information submitted from other cities and the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

Commissioner Steve Miller inquired about the specific program and requested Ms. De Vera to report back to the Commission on the full application. Ms. De Vera will speak with her technical support staff to provide the Commission with a more detailed report on the 3-1-1- phone application.

12. Discussion of the impact that the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) has on people living with disabilities by Commissioner Edward A. Colley. (13-4719)

At the request of Commissioner Edward A. Colley, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the meeting of August 20, 2014 without discussion.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS**13. Commissioner Announcements. (14-2622)**

Commissioner Alexia Teran provided a report on the Leadership Conference she attended on May 28, 2014 where the focus of the Conference was Social Media and the technology dissemination of information.

Matters Not Posted

14. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-2624)

The following items were introduced for discussion and posted on the agenda for action at a future meeting.

14A. Recommendation as submitted by President Janet A. Neal: Approve the reappointment of John B. Troost as the Commission on Disabilities' Access Services Board representative for 2014-2015. (14-2910)

On motion of President Janet A. Neal, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda of July 16, 2014.

14B. Recommendation as submitted by Commissioners Sheila Wright and Alexia Teran: Request Board of Supervisors, Executive Office - Fiscal Services Division to report on the Fiscal Regulations, and its divisional role and responsibility to the Commission. (14-2911)

On motion of Commissioner Sheila D. Wright, seconded by Commissioner Alexia Teran, unanimously carried, this item was introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda of July 16, 2014.

Public Comment

15. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-2626)

Genevieve Clavreul spoke on access issue that was quickly resolved with the Pasadena Community College upon taking pictures of the vehicles creating hazard at the College's parking facility. She also spoke about the Patient Safety Act of 2014.

Linda Block spoke about the California Coordinated Care Initiative.

Adjournment

16. Adjournment of the June 18, 2014. (14-2628)

President Janet A. Neal stated that Commissioner Winslow C. Reitnouer would like to have the Commission adjourn its meeting in memory of Scott Studenmunde, long-time friend of the Reitnouer's. Scott Studenmunde was one of five soldiers killed in Afghanistan last week.

Therefore, on motion of 2nd Vice President John Troost, seconded by Commissioner Alexia Teran, unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m. in the memory of Scott Studenmunde.